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SUBJECT: FRENCH OFFICIALS ATTENDING NUCLEAR SECURITY
EXERCISES - SOUTH CAROLINA

¶1. (SBU) On September 13, ESTH Counselor received two letters from Mr. Didier LALLEMAND, Haut Fonctionnaire de Defense ('High Civil Servant for Defense'), Ministry of Economy, Finances, and Industry, the French authority responsible for oversight of nuclear security in France, an official well and favorably known to the Embassy. The letters are addressed to Steven Aoki, DOE Undersecretary for Counterterrorism and ESTH Counselor. These letters are in French and will be faxed to Mr. Aoki's office. One responded to Mr. Aoki's invitation of September 1 for a French delegation to participate in security exercises and bilateral discussions in South Carolina from September 27-30 and indicates that the French side accepts the invitation. Lallemand, himself, regrets he will be unable to attend, but designates Mr. Eric Plaisant, his "counselor for internal security and chief of office for security and control of sensitive and nuclear materials, to lead the French delegation of nine (total) officials.

¶2. (SBU) The delegation will arrive Atlanta 26 September at 1350 and Columbia, South Carolina, at 1755. The delegation will stay 5 nights at:

Hotel Howard Johnson Inn
1200 Bush Rive Road
Columbia

Delegation will depart Columbia on Saturday, October 1, at 1308, and depart Atlanta at 1610.

¶3. (SBU) Mr. Lallemand also wrote (in rough translation), "The subjects of discussion which you (Aoki) propose appear to me perfectly pertinent. It would seem to us particularly productive to pursue exchanges on the questions concerning the concepts, the implementation, and progress of the exercise, notably with regard to the French experience in the matter of security exercises."

¶4. (SBU) The following is the list of officials in the French delegation.

NAME
TITLE
ORGANIZATION
DOB
PASSPORT INFO

BERNARD, HERVE
-- Directeur du Pole Maitrise des Risques/Directeur central de la Securite
-- Commissariat a l'Energie Atomique
-- 5/25/53
-- Service Passport 03ZZ274479 Delivered by the Ministry of Interior, EXP. 12/3/07

DEVRED PHILIPPE
-- Commandant de Police
-- Direction Generale de la Police Nationale/Unite de Coordination de la Lutte Anti-Terroriste
-- 6/29/60
-- Service Passport 02ZZ17992 Delivered by the Ministry of Interior, EXP. 10/1/06

DUCLOSE, BERTRAND
-- Commandant de Police/Adjoint du Conseiller pour la Securite interieure
-- Ministere de l'Economie, des Finances et de l'Industrie/Service du Haut Fonctionnaire de Defense
-- 10/3/60
-- Service Passport 4ZZ34539 zDelivered by the Ministry of Interior, EXP. 9/6/08

DURIEUX PASCAL
-- Responsable de la Mission Securite
-- EDF DPI Mission Securite
-- 3/17/47

-- Passport 05E136284 Delivered by the prefecture de Yvelines (78). EXP. 8/22/15

INGATOVITCH, ETIENNE
-- Chef d'escadron/Chef de la section de lutte contre le terrorisme
-- Direction Generale de la Gendarmerie Nationale
-- 4/1/62
-- Passport 05E160205 EXP. 9/1/15

NANNINI, ALERIO 6/7/59
-- Charge de mission/Responsable de l'antenne de Cadarache
-- Institut de Radioprotection et de Surete Nucleaire/Direction de l'expertise nucleaire de defense
-- 6/7/59
-- Passport 5TR17761 Delivered by the sous-prefecture de Forcalquier (04) EXP. 8/390/15

PLAISANT, ERIC
-- Commissaire divisionnaire de la Police Nationale/Conseiller pour la Securite interieure/Chef du bureau "Securite et controle des matieres nucleaires et sensibles"
-- Ministry of Economie, des Finances et de l'Industrie/Service du Haut Fonctionnaire de Defense
-- 6/13/06
-- Service Passport 3ZZ21752 Delivered by the Ministry of Interior EXP: 2/23/07

SARTRE, JEROME
-- Charge de mission Protection de patrimoine
-- Group AREVA
-- 2/1/52
-- Passport 02XE27619 Delivered by the sous prefecture de Carpentras (84) EXP 1/22/13

WINTER, DENIS
-- Assistant du Directeur de l'expertise nucleaire de defense
-- Institut de Radioprotection et de Surete Nucleaire/Direction de l'expertise nucleaire de defense
-- 3/14/59
-- Passport 02XC31513 Delivered by the sous-Prefet d'Antony EXP: 11/25/12

15. (SBU) The second letter addressed to ESTH Counselor from Haut Fonctionnaire de Defense LALLEMAND is a formal 'statement of assurance' that each of the above-named individuals are in possession of a 'SECRET-DEFENSE' security clearance - or a higher level clearance - all/all clearances are in effect.

16. (U) Please advise ASAP if further formal information is required from the French side.
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